

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition consisting essentially of:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) one or more central nervous system stimulating components selected from the group consisting of an isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, an isolated heat component of *Capsicum* and an isolated heat component of *Piperaceae*;

wherein said heat component is at least as hot as cinerol, zingerone, zingerol, shogaol, capsaicin, or piperine.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

10-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(A) isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof; and

(B) at least one isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, *Capsicum* or *Piperaceae*,

wherein said heat component is at least as hot as cinerol, zingerone, zingerol, shogaol, capsaicin, or piperine.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of ginger.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated cinerol.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerone.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 6~~

A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition consisting essentially of:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) isolated zingerol

~~wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerol.~~

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated shogaol.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of red pepper.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises isolated capsaicin.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises an isolated heat component of pepper.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises isolated piperine.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for treating hypertension comprising:~~
~~administering:~~

The method of Claim 24, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) isolated zingerol.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 30, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof.

32 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 30, where components (A) and (B) are administered as a composition which contains 0.01 – 1% of (A) chlorogenic acid and 0.005 – 0.5% (B) zingerol.